

**REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 13, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Regina Washinawatok, Ben Kaquatosh, Sabrina Hemken, Kathy Kaquatosh and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Weso. Also present: Dan Maine, Ben Butler, Julie McLean, Shawn Klemens, Llewellyn Boyd, Sharon Giese, Wayne Wilber, Lindzey Grall and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated October 9, 2008 and October 15, 2008.

The committee made grammatical changes to the minutes.

Motion made by Regina Washinawatok to approve the minutes dated October 9, 2008 and October 15, 2008 with corrections. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Weso).

4. Plan Design Strategies to Encourage Wellness and Consumerism Presentation: Virchow Krause and Company.

The committee informed Ben Butler and Julie McLean that the presentation still needs some work in the pharmaceutical area. Laurie Boivin brought forward questions from the pharmacy staff that will need to be addressed. Dan Maine will work with the Clinic staff and bring back the Wellness presentation.

Ben and Julie presented the comparison insurance rates between the Tribe's present carrier Unimerica and Hartford insurance. If the Tribe decides to switch carriers, anyone that is presently on disability would still be covered by Uniamerica. The Tribe would benefit around \$1,500 monthly.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend to the Legislature for the change from Uniamerica to Hartford for the 3 benefits (Life/AD & D, Voluntary Life and Long Term Disability) with the effective date of December 1, 2008. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Weso).

5. Discussion/Recommendations on Amendment to Ordinance 79-04: Cigarette and Tobacco Products

The committee added the capability to do on site inspections and reviewed the penalties that were suggested by Mr. Wayne Wilber.

Motion made by Regina Washinawatok to send the Menominee Nation Menominee Tribal Legislature Amendment to Ordinance #79-04 on Cigarette and Tobacco Products to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Weso).

(Kathy Kaquatosh left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.)

6. Discussion/Recommendations on Amendment to Ordinance 05-29
Fuel Station Board

Llewellyn Boyd informed the committee that a section has been added to reflect Asset replacement consideration. A capitol reserve account is requested for equipment malfunctions, software upgrades/replacements or system failures. On an annual basis, the fuel station needs to maintain around \$18,000 annually in a reserve account to keep the business going.

The committee suggested that the fuel station board come back with a five year projection table and different scenarios that would justify the need to maintain the reserve account. The committee will also research how other Boards have set up their reserve accounts.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table this item until next month. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (B. Kaquatosh) and 2 absent (Weso and K. Kaquatosh).

7. Monthly Narratives.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the IT monthly report of September 30, 2008 and the IT monthly report of October 31, 2008. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Hemken-employment) and 2 absent (Weso and K. Kaquatosh).

8. Other Business.

Betty Jo Wozniak submitted response to Freida Bergeon's request to hold a general council based on the Tribe's housing crisis. The committee referred this issue to the Housing committee for action.

9. Adjournment.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh/Susan Waukau to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office